

UniSport Australia Guideline

Use of Alcohol at Nationals Snow

Introduction

This guideline includes extracts from the UniSport guideline on the *Use of Alcohol at UniSport Events* and where warranted, has been amended to be relevant to the UniSport Nationals Snow event. A specific guideline has been developed for this event due to the nature and requirement for the breathalysing of participants.

1. Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) testing at Nationals Snow

To ensure the safety of competitors, officials and general mountain users during a Nationals Snow event, all accredited participants will be required to submit to a BAC test prior to any course inspection or event they compete in. This process is unique to Nationals Snow.

- 1.1. Each competitor will be tested by a UniSport staff member and/or appointed official at an appropriate location (dependent upon the race location), at least one hour prior to the start of each event, each day.
- 1.2. Should the participant complete a test where they register 0.00 BAC the competitor will be free to proceed with course inspection and/or competition.
- 1.3. Should the competitor complete a test where they register greater than 0.00 BAC, the competitor can either:
 - i. Forfeit the right to inspect the course or compete in the event;
 - ii. Return to the end of the marshalling line to undertake the breath test a second time, or;
 - iii. Should the competitor complete a test where they register greater than 0.00 BAC three times for that event, they will forfeit their right to inspect the course and/or compete in the event.
- 1.4. Accredited participants performing gate-keeping duties may be subject to random breathalyser testing at any time.

2. Guidelines on the Use of Alcohol at Nationals Snow

No participant will be permitted to compete in any snow sport event if they are suffering the obvious effects of alcohol. Any such person/s deemed to be suffering the obvious effects of alcohol will be asked to leave the marshalling area. Refusal to do so will result in immediate expulsion from that event. Further disciplinary action may be taken if so desired by the event organisers.

- 2.1. No alcohol is to be consumed at the competition venue by accredited participants and personnel while a UniSport sporting event is in progress. This applies to:
 - i. Accredited participants who are waiting to complete their event
 - ii. Accredited participants not competing in the sport event but may be waiting to start their competition
 - iii. Accredited participants not competing in the sport event who have finished their competition
 - iv. Accredited participants performing gate-keeping duties
 - v. Accredited participants who have chosen to spectate and who are watching the competition from the sideline or in the vicinity of the event
- 2.2. UniSport staff have the right to confiscate alcohol in and around the event area of Nationals Snow. Confiscated alcohol is to be returned at the organisers' discretion.

2.3. All accredited participants are to be made aware of the standard of behaviour expected at UniSport events. Refer to the UniSport Code of Behaviour.

2.4. Social functions at Nationals Snow

- i. No free or subsidised alcohol is to be provided at social functions.
- ii. When structuring the price of function tickets, considerations to the cost of admission should include food and entertainment but not alcohol. All alcohol is to be purchased from a cash bar at regular and not discounted prices.
- iii. Organisers are encouraged to make available ample quantities of low alcoholic drinks at social functions. Hosts are encouraged to discount non-alcoholic drinks.
- iv. Organisers are encouraged to maintain supervision at functions to eliminate poor behaviour and damage to property.
- v. Organisers are encouraged to secure venues who use trained bar staff to serve alcohol and use serving practices consistent with the [National Guidelines for Responsible Serving of Alcohol](#).
- vi. Organisers are not to organise competitive drinking events such as boat races or promote any situations that exert pressure on students to drink in excess.

3. General Quantity Guidelines

UniSport encourages all participants, team managers and event organisers to be aware of the Australian Government's [National Guidelines for Responsible Serving of Alcohol](#).

Previous amendments

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